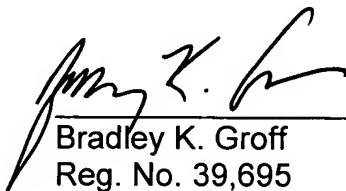


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to include a Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored Research. No new matter is introduced by the present Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is invited to contact Brad Groff at the telephone number indicated below if it would expedite prosecution and allowance of this application in any way.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Bradley K. Groff  
Reg. No. 39,695

GARDNER GROFF, P.C.  
100 Parkwood Point  
2018 Powers Ferry Road  
Suite 800  
Atlanta, Georgia 30339  
Tel: 770.984.2300  
Fax: 770.984.0098

W:\Client Files\BKG Clients\2A09-Auburn\2A09.1-111 A Ring-Spinning System for Making Yarn Having a Magnetically-Elevated Ring (US Nat Phase)\0008.pat (Prel Amendment).doc